Perangattu thodu and Panayambala thodu.

377. ❋ MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received copy of the resolution passed at a meeting of the citizens of Kunnamthanam, Kaviyoor pakuthy, Tiruvalla taluk held on 12-10-1121 pointing out the necessity of widening and deepening the Perangattu thodu and Panayambala thodu in Kaviyoor pakuthy, Tiruvalla taluk;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the necessity of improving the condition of the above two canals; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government, if any, in pursuance of the resolution?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The necessary investigation can be taken up only after the present floods subside and this will be done.

Idiki Scheme.

378. ❋ MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they had not proposed to investigate Idiki scheme this year;

(*b*) whether Mr. W. J. John, Superintendent, Malankara Estate, was not to meet the Chief Engineer and party on a day appointed at Idiki; and

(*c*) whether the Chief Engineer kept his word?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On account of the unavoidable and more urgent engagements, the Chief Engineer was not able to keep up the engagement with Mr. W. J. John.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: In view to answer to part (c) may I know what was the purpose for which the engagement between the Chief Engineer and Mr. W. J. John was to be transacted at the heart of the forest?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There were some reports to the effect that a considerable amount of electricity could be produced if the scheme was started at Idiki. But it has not been decided whether that investigation should be taken up immediately because there are several other schemes which are under way. The Chief Engineer, however, considered that he might as well go and see the place for himself if the scheme was worth while for investigation.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether it was a preliminary investigation for the Idiki scheme?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It may be called a preliminary investigation but the Chief Engineer wanted to see the place in the first instance to see whether it was worth while conducting any investigation, for the purpose of the Idiki scheme. In that sense it may be construed as a preliminary investigation.

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